

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 28, 2008**

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:07PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. The Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated October 6, 2008; said warrant being posted according to Town by-laws by Constable John Gagnon.

Moderator Larkin led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. The assembly paused to remember three individuals who passed since the last town meeting. Moderator Larkin and Fire Chief Scott Garland spoke about Robert “Zeke” Hammond, Helen Hammond and Rev. Richard Drinon, “three magnificent individuals whose loss deeply affects our community.” A motion was made to extend Privileges of the Floor to Town Treasurer Collector Barbara Walls, Fire Chief Garland, Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Library Director Ann Fields, and Town Counsel Joyce Frank. Motion was seconded and passed.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

Finance Committee Chairperson Karla Hopkins presented information regarding the upcoming budgeting process and Ballot Question #1. Superintendent Patricia Ruane spoke of the Walkable Communities Initiative.

**Article 1:** Selectman Chair Michael Collins moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre-7/1/08), as follows:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
South County P. T.	\$505.00	Workers Compensation	\$505.00
Ryan Jenkins	\$1,750.00	Ambulance Account	\$1750.00

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously at 7:30PM.

**Article 2:** Water & Sewer Commissioner Robert Bird moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of \$360,000 to fund the design of a new Water Treatment Plant made necessary by the recent Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection approval of the Greene Street well field, on September 3, 2008, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or note of the Town therefore and that the Treasurer or any other official of the Town is authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement thereunder and a project regulatory agreement to expend any such funds.

After discussion the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Article 3:** Selectman Alan Ryan moved to transfer from Stabilization \$50,000.00 to partially fund the Workmen’s Compensation line item projected deficit.



The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Article 4:** Library Trustee Frederick Oldfield moved to transfer from Library Salaries to Library Professional and Technical the amount of \$3,570.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:41PM.

**Article 5:** Selectman Robert Burns moved to accept as a gift a deed in lieu of taxes to a parcel of land currently owned by One Hundred Forty Realty Trust, said land shown as parcel 2-8-0 on the Hopedale Assessors map, being the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 7322 Page 181, said land being located at 363Adj West Street in the Town of Hopedale, and consisting of 20.990 acres of land more or less.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:45PM.

**Article 6:** Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to accept as a gift a deed in lieu of taxes to a parcel of land currently owned by Richard L. Rizoli and Gildo Caruso, said land shown as parcel 2-3-0 on the Hopedale Assessors map, being the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 8286 Page 134, said land being located at B West Street in the Town of Hopedale, and consisting of 7.20 acres of land more or less.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:47PM.

**Article 7:** Selectman Collins moved that the Town charge for each written demand issued by the collector a fee of \$15.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by M. G. L. C60 §15, to be effective January 1, 2009.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:48PM.

**Article 8:** Superintendent Ruane moved to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a School Bus Transportation Account and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the School Department's Transportation Fee, to be expended under the authority of the School Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:50PM.

A motion to dissolve the warrant was heard, seconded and carried.

